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JUNE RED MEAT PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA -- Commercial red meat production during June 2000 totaled 400,000 pounds. This was 5 percent below May 2000, and 24 percent below June 1999 production. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total liveweight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 534,000 pounds, down 24 percent from June 1999 production. Cattle slaughter totaled 500 head, down 200 head from the previous year. The average live weight at 1,079 pounds was up 104 pounds from a year ago.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 213,000 pounds, down 12 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, down 100 head from last year. The average live weight at 273 pounds was down 8 pounds from the previous year.

Commercial Sheep and Lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

UNITED STATES -- Commercial red meat production totaled 3.94 billion pounds in June, up slightly from the previous record high for June set in 1999.

June 1999 and June 2000 both contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous record high for June set last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.24 million head, up 1 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 10 pounds from the previous year, at 1,205 pounds.

Veal production totaled 19.0 million pounds, 1 percent below the previous record low for June set a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 95,000 head, down 9 percent from June 1999. The average live weight was 25 pounds above last year, at 322 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.54 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 7.95 million head, 4 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 3 pounds above the previous year, at 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.0 million pounds, was down 1 percent from the previous record low for June set in 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 260,000 head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 3 pounds from June a year ago.

January - June red meat production was 22.9 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 2 percent higher than last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was down 2 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 2 percent.

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